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CLOUDBURST AND FIRE STRIKE

DEATH AND CHAOS IN PUEBLO

THREE CENTS.

500 LIVES LOST IN COLORADO FLOOD DISASTER

RAISINNG COST OF ELECTRICITY **CALLED UNFAIR**

Citizens Oppose Plan as Substitute for Traction Merger.

Increasing the cost of electricity in order to reduce the fares on the street cars of the Washington Railway and Electric company is merely a question of which pocket shall it be extracted from, is the opinion of J. S. Beach, a delegate of the Park View Citizens' association to the Federation of Citizens' associa-

"I am strongly opposed," said Mr Beach, to any plan of merger that will accomplishe as little as this. "It would be manifestly unfair to the users of great quantities of electricity, to whom the street cars are a very small item, and of very

little benefit to anyone." Chicago Revoked Charters.

Elisha B. Carrier, a member of the Federation of Citizens' associations, compared the traction situation in Washington with that of Chicago from 1917 to 1910. During this time, said Mr. Carrier, the service became so poor that it was considered necessary to bring about a merger of the street car lines. After a reasonable length of time in which the railways made no apditions even conducive to a merger, the city of Chicago revoked the charters of the several companies and leased the right of ways, including the tracks, to operators who conducted the lines on a cost basis. The service improved immediately and is in striking contrast to the service given prior to the merger. Calls Proposal Ridiculous.

That such a proposal as that made by the president of the Wash-ington Railway and Electric com-pany is ridiculous is the opinion of both A. E. Shoemaker, of the "Did Virgil ever talk to you about Northwest Citizens' association, and H. S. Ridgely, of the Chevy Chase H. S. Ridgely, of the Chevy Chase Henry W. Graham.

W. B. Westlake, president of the Federation of Citizens' associations, unqualifiedly favors the repeal of the several charters of the street railways and electric power com-panies in the event of the failure of a voluntary merger on the part of the railway companies.

Opposed by Federation. The federation, said Mr. Westlake, records its continued opposicess profits tax plan as applied to gest sensation at the session. The state tried to show that

ords its bitter and uncompromising hostility to any merger plan, either voluntarily or involuntary, ing hostility to any merger plan, either voluntarily or involuntary, that would place the Capital Traction company under the control, management or direction of the Washington Railway and Electric to aid him in the commission of

washington Railway and Electric company.

The federation according to Mr. Westlake suggests to congress that the physical valuations of all the puffic service corporations operating in the District having been completed, that congress should now resume its right and power.

EX-CROWN PRINCE now resume its right and power of fixing fares and charges of public service corporations operating in the District of Columbia until such time as a service at cost system is put in operation.

Ask Fare Cut Hearing. The Capital Traction company, having expressed its desire and a willingness to reduce fares on its lines, the federation Westlake says asks a hearing from the utilities commission for a lo

of fares on that line. The federa-tion is also in favor of an indetion is also in favor of an inuc-pendent public utilities commission for the District of Columbia to rethis work, and in order to provide

matters.

The attitude of the federation is shown in the resolution adopted May 21, according to West-lake, in which it records its firm In a novel, Dumur ma opposition to any independent mer-ger of the Washington Railway and

REVENUE BUREAU POSITIONS FILLED

Commissioner of Internal Revenue David H. Blair, yesterday began his contemplated reorganization of the

hibition enforcement division.

The first important appointment was that of Edward H. Batson, a lawyer, to be deputy commissioner, in charge of the income tax unit. He formerly practiced in Kansas City, Mo. E. W. Chatterton was named as assistant deputy commissioner in charge of the income tax unit. Mr. Chatterton began his gov-ernment service as a page in the office of the fourth assistant post-

master-general in 1897.

Among the changes in supervising directors are: Elmer C. Potter, of Worcester, Mass., supervising prohibition agent for the northeastern department; Harold D. Wilson, of Wilmington, Mass., prohibition of rector for the state of Massachusetts; Dudley W. Snyder, of Clayton, N. M., prohibition director for the State of New Mexico, and Andrew B. Stroug, Albuquerque, N. M. supervising prohibition agent for the border department.

Shots Attrack Crowds.

Several revolver shots, fired in the neighborhood of Third and C. Wilmington, Mass., prohibition director for the state of Massachusetts; Dudley W. Snyder, of Clayton, N. M., prohibition director for the Saturous B. Stroug, Albuquerque, N. M., supervising prohibition agent for the Barry O'Connor, who is named exvening crowd, only to have testing prohibition agent for the Barry O'Connor, who is named exvening crowd, only the assistant chief of the air service had given rise to the report that he was lost at sea.

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France Loses War Passions In Facing Needs of Peace

Labor Party Leader Believes Germany Will Enter League Within a Year-Must Buy Goods From Recent Enemy.

(Special Cable to Washington Herald.) By SIR PHILIP GIBBS.

PARIS, June 4.—It is one of the nevitable fictions of life that the Revoking CHARTERS.

ONE METHOD URGED

Action by Congress to Fix

Fares Favored by

Federation.

Inevitable fictions of life that the government of a country is always represented by newspaper men and politicians as though it were the country itself, and, worse still, half a dozen or a dozen leading articles in prominent journals are quoted all over the world as the voice of the people. France, we say, is militaristic. Then all the sound and in the home. Using that method in France just now results in very different conclusions from those given out to the world by many political writers. I find, for instance, that the average Frenchman I meet is by no means belilistance, that the average Frenchman I meet is by no means belilistance, that the contrary, his own desperate desire is for assured peace, and so far he has not this

GIRL'S TESTIMONY IMPERILS YOUTH IN MURDER TRIAL

Asserts Decker Needed Money and Knew of Insurance.

WARSAW, Ind., June 4 .- Fred the mind of Virgil for weeks preceding the alleged murder of Virgil's friend and "double."

This was brought out at Virgi Decker's trial today through the testimony of many witnesses, in-cluding Virgil's pretty 16-year-old sweetheart, Carrie Eggleston of

She Is "Almost Engaged."

Directing a coquetish smile at the youthful prisoner, to whom she admitted she was "almost engaged." she proceeded to give testimony that may not only aid in sending her young lover to the electric chair, but which may involve his mother and two brothers in the most coldblooled murder conspiracy in the criminal history of Indiana. "Did Virgil ever talk to you about

torney Henry W. Graham.
"Yes, he told me several times

that his brother Fred had bought a that his brother Fred had bought a big farm and that he was heavily in debt and needed money. "Did he ever talk about life in-rurance?" was the next question. "Yes, sir. He told me he car-ried life insurance asd it was pay-

able to Fred." Brother First Chosen.

Testimony by Fred Lovett, 16year-old brother of Leroy Lovett, the murder victim, caused the big-The state tried to show that Fred instead of his older brother, Leroy, was first picked as the victim of to aid him in the commission of the crime. Attorneys of the defense, however, succeeded in keeping out any evidence which was

EX-CROWN PRINCE FIGURES IN SUIT Greeks and Moslem National

Liked Women Who "Treated Him Rough," Says One

Witness. NANCY, France, June 4.-Freder

ick Wilhelm, former German crown prince, liked women who "treated him rough," according to testimony nmission which will devote its introduced today at the start of entire time to the public utilities Mile. Blanche D'Esserey's suit for 20,000 francs damages against Louis Dumur, author, for alleged

In a novel, Dumur made certain allegations regarding Mile. D'Esse ger of the Washington Railway and rey's relations with Frederick Wil-Electric and the Potomac Electric helm while the latter's headquarters were located at Stenay during the assault on Verdun. Residents of that village today described the former crown prince's life there. A number of women frequently were at headquarters, they said. One of these women was a special favorite because she "treated him

rough," according to one witness contemplated reorganization of the Dumur stated in his book that internal revenue bureau and the prosolely because of the beauty of Mile. D'Esserey, who was the daughter of the village chief of

Leaves Great Grandson \$1,000 for 21st Birthday

Harry O'Connor, great-grandson of Mrs. Joanna Barry, who died June 1, is to have \$1,000 when he reaches his 21st birthday, accord-

that is very misleading, as I hav found once again after a few days in France.

Desires Assured Peace. man I meet is by no means bellicose. On the contrary, his own
desperate desire is for assured
peace, and so far he has not this
assurance in his soul.
Also, he is revolting in mind from
all the fancial promises

Also, he is revolting in mind from all the fanciful promises and the sentimental eloquence of political orators, and is demanding what he calls a policy of realism. I find that he is profoundly disillusioned with the authors of the peace treaty and their successors. It was dinned into his ears that after the cory France would be safeguarded tory France would be safeguarded forever against a renewal of the German menace and would be paid ck for the costs of the war. Neither of these things has happened.

Skeptical of League. The league of nations, which was to be the guarantee of world peace, aroused his skepticism and irony. Now, with America's refusal to join it, he shrugs his shoulders and says: "Didn't I say so!" His real hope was in a close alliance with America and England, who would guar-

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MIDSHIPMEN TAKE HARDING'S ADVICE

Three Ensigns Surrender To Cupid Following Graduation.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 4. "You need not avoid the mar-ried state, but you will command less after you enter it than you did before," President Harding's advice to graduating midshipmen here, already has had far-reaching effect, it be-came known today.

Three of the proposetties ad-

Three of the prospective admirals have lost the ability to command. lowered colors to Commodore Cupid, surrendered their ships of destiny to the lady of their hearts, or whatever might be implied from the President's warning.

Ensign Thomas M. Dell, jr., of Baltimore, was first. Within 30 minutes of the close of the com-mencement exercises he married Miss Bertie L. Purnell, of Snow Hill, Md., in the Naval Academy

Ensign Cecil Faine and Miss Bessie B. London, of Ohio, were married a few minutes later in College Avenue Baptist

Ensign Luther A. Brown, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Helen Dunning Steel, of Annapolis, noon in the aendemy chapel.

MOVE ON TURKISH CAPITAL IMMINENT

ists Mask Their Preparations.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.) By HENRY WALES.

PARIS, June 4 .- Announcements from Athens and Angora of an imminent resumption of hostilities in Asia Minor masks secret preparations by Greeks and Turkish nationalists for a drive on Constanti-

nople, according to reliable infor-

mation received here. Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan are seriously concerned over the reports that Mustapha Kemal Pasha, nationalist leader, is preparing for the drive. The allies' military forces could not prevent either rival from seizing the city, especially as the city's garrison is largely

composed of Greek troops who would welcome their countrymen.

The British are not expected to seriously resist the seizure and the French and Italians are not strong enough to prevent it. The Turkish forces in Constanti-

reported to be scrongly organized.
The problem is complex, owing to various policies, the British supporting the Greeks and the French and Italians supporting the Turks.
The Japanese have been acting in conformity with the British but now are showing a desire to keep Constantinople internationalized.

BERLIN VOTES TO HALT WAR IN SILESIA

German Population in the **Factory District Threat**ens an Outbreak.

COMMISSION PLANS PEACEFUL SOLUTION

British Preparing to Operate Alone Against the Poles.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.)

BERLIN, June 4. - Chancellor Wirth's government got a lefthanded vote of confidence this after noon when the nationalists asked for a vote of lack of confidence which lost by 261 to 77.

Immediately the government pro posed a vote on the cabinet's atti-tude on fulfilling the allied ultimatum and an refraining from fos tering violent resistance to the Polish insurgents in upper Silesia. The government's proposal was car ried by 213 to 77.

(Copyright, 1921.) Germans Threaten Attack Because of Allies' Delay By CARL D. GROAT.

GLEIWITZ, Upper Silesia, June Resumption of fighting between ermans and Poles was threatened momentarily here tonight.

The German population of this great factory district, angered at delays by the allies, held in terror at night by armed Polish insurgents, threatend again to take affairs in their own hands and make fairs in their own hands and make a final desperate effort to clear the region of their enemies.

Plan Solution Without Loss By Armies Changing Bases

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.) OPPELN, June 4.—The interalled plebiscite commission was closeted for several hours vesterday to con for several nours yesterday to consider plans for retaking the territory occupied by the Polish insurgents. Although no decision was announced, it is understood a new method for the systematic using of French as well as British and Italian traces was given careful atten-

ian troops was given careful attention and consideration. The new plan besides having the advantage of keeping the entente intact it is believed will effect a

colution without bloodshed. French to Take Polish Positions.

If this method is adopted the French will take oer the Polish po-sitions and turn them over to the In this way the French will prevent an open clash between British and the Poles and the Britsh will prevent hostilities between Greenhorn river-these are a few the Germans and the French and

The French declare the Germa defense organizations must be disdefense organizations must be dis-armed first but the British insist the Germans have a right to re-main on the defensive and the Italians agree that it was Polish nans to arrange for a defense until Chicago Man Maddened by he league of nations was able to prove its competence to keep order.

Poles are Anti-British, The British are expecting more tanks and six squadrons of airplanes and they are prepared to operate alone against the Poles should the French continue to block the attempt to drive the insurgents out. The Poles are bit-terly anti-British. American cor-respondents were told by Polish sentries that the Poles would as himself. soon fight the British as the Ger-

The battle at Shimishow con-tinuse. A big castle there was jurned by the Poles.

Naval Graduates Of 1881 Will Meet In Japan in 1922

The next reunion of the class o 881, United States Naval Academy.

will be held in Tokyo. At a dinner todered the class last night by Secretary of the Navy Denby an invitation to meet again in Japan next year was extended by Baron Solochi Uriu, an admirat in the Japanese navy and one of the

Secretary Denby accepted in bealf of the class and said he would arrange to secure a warship for the

Brig. Gen. Mitchell Safe After Rough Trip at Sea

Brig.-Gen. William Mitchell is safe and sound at Langley Field. Va., officials of the commandant's office at the field said yesterday. They declared that a fishing trip by

HISTORY OF DISASTER SHOWS OTHER FLOODS MORE DEADLY

Johnstown Catastrophe Stands . Foremost in Memory, Although' Galveston Heads Death List

Several disastrous floods in this country in the last twenty years have had death lists running into the hundreds, but only two of them have been caused by torrential rains.

One was the flood in 1913 that ran up a death list of 730 and property loss of \$180,873,000 in Ohio and Indiana. In 1915 about 300 lives were lost in a cloudburst at Heppner

Ofeg. The flood that stands foremost in the memory of the country as catastrophe was that at Johnstown, Pa., on May 31, 1889, in which 2.209 lives were lost and \$10,000,000 worth of property destroyed or swept away. This was not due to a storm, but to the breaking of the reservoir dam.

The worst of the flood disasters along the Texas coast at Galeston, occurred on September 8, 1900. causing a loss of 6,000 lives and nearly \$20,000,000 damage. This flood was caused by a hurricane from the Gulf of Mexico.

A year before this first Galveston flood, a flood in the Brazos valley in Texas caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage and serious loss of life. This flood was followed by the bursting of a dam at Austin the next year, costing \$1,000,000 damage and serious loss of life.

In the floods in Ohio and Indiana in 1913 the city hardest hit was Dayton. The dead numbered 732 for the two states and a property loss of \$180,873,000.

Second Time Pueblo Suffers From Treacherous Streams

City With a Population of 42,908 Divided the Into Two Parts By River and Raging Creek.

Arkansas a Treacherous Stream.

Approximately 100 miles to the west of Pueblo is the continental

cording to the newspaper reports printed on June 2, 1894, the flood

of 27 years ago was similar to that

reported from Colorado yesterday

Driving Power of River.

An indication of the tremendous

force and power of the Arkansas may be gained from the fact that its Royal Gorge, situated about 40 miles west by northwest of Pueblo.

between Canon City and Parkdale

than eight miles.

Pueblo itself is the county seat of Pueblo county, and second city

are native-born Americans; about 2,000 are Indians; 1,000 Austrians, and 1,500 colored.

majority of the population

ON BANK MISSION

Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, Wash.,

formerly private secretary to the

President Harding to straighten out

financial matters standing in the way of renewed relations. Mr. Dover, according to informa-

after the election of President Harding. At that time he got into

College Girl Sees Father

with the Obregon govern

lies between the two cities.

GOES TO MEXICO

Pueblo is a city of 42,908 inhab- of the tributaries of the Arkansas itants, according to the figures of the 1920 census, and is situated at feet above sea level. the conjunction of Fountain creek with the Arkansas river. The city is divided into two parts by the Arkansas, and Fountain creek, a divide and on the eastern slope this net work of streams is multiplied into countless myriads of rough boiling down through a mountain canyon and empties into the larger arkansas. Even in times of ordistream virtually in the heart of the city.

Fountain creek so named because the continental in the castern slope this net work of streams is multiplied into countless myriads of rough water country in times of ordinary rainfall and melting of mountain snows the Arkansas by the

Fountain creek, so named because time it has reached Pueblo is a stream of good size; in times of of its picturesque turbulence char-acteristic of mountain canyon abnormal rainfall and cloudbursts streams, is one of a network of the Arkansas becomes a treacheritions and turn them over to the creeks and streams that hurry down ous torrent. It was so in this flood. British who will be sandwiched beto the Arkansas from the snows ween the French and the Germans. pre-the Chico, Black Squirrel, Hard Scrabwas swollen to a torrent by a downfall of rain and series of cloudbursts all along the eastern Red creek, St. Charles river, slope of the continental divide. Ac

KILLS WIFE OF 18 AND SHOOTS SELF

is considered one of the continent's greatest examples of the driving power of a river. In a comparatively short time in geologic history the river has torn down a gap in the solid granite more than 2.600 feet for a distance of a little more Neglect of Their Baby's Grave.

CHICAGO, June 4.-Albert R. Beardsley, 28 years old, of West Chicago, shot and killed his 18gear-old wife, Mrs. Alice Fowler in the state, and is about 120 miles southeast of Denver and about 75 miles from Colorado Springs, which himself.

The shooting is believed to have been caused by Beardsley's jealousy and his discovery that his wife had neglected the grave of their baby. They separated two months ago, a short time after their child. died. Beardsley visited the grave in Melrose Park cemetery Memorial

"He came away from the ceme-tery fairly raving," said Guy Ev-erett, a chauffeur, one of Beards-ley's friends. "He told me the grave was over-grown with weeds, that there were

no flowers on it—no care."

The shooting occurred in a saloon.
Witnesses say Beardsley met her on the street in front of the saloon and drew a revolver. Mrs. Beards-ley was returning to her parents' home from the telephone exchange, home from the telephone exchange, where she had een working as an operator.

operator. Seeing his revolver she fied into the saloon. Beardsley followed. Inside Mrs. Beardsley begged her husband to have mercy. He shot twice, both bullets lodging in her left breast. Then he placed the re-volver to his left side and pulled the trigger. go to the aid of the republic below the Rio Grande. Mr. Dover, it appears, made an

GERMANS ACQUIT U-BOAT OFFICER

Roaring Torrent Bursts Upon City, Razing Homes

Misery and Extreme Suffering Follows Exposure to Rain and Biting Winds as Grim Survivors Gather in Safety Spots-Heat Impossible for Fear of Adding Fuel to Blazing Buildings-Flood Waters Rose so Rapidly Warning Could Not Be Given Im-

The situation in Pueblo, Colo., after the waters of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers had receded last night, may be summed up as

Property damage from flood and fire-\$10,000,000. Martial law proclaimed, with state rangers and national guard in control. Orders "shoot to kill" given to prevent looting.

Two-thirds of city still under water; business section in ruins from fire; thousands marooned on high points.

ments, and pestilence feared. System of food rationing instituted, and food administrator named. Relief trains started from Denver and Colorado Springs. Red Cross organizing relief measures.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 4.-Lives of 500 men, women and children ere snuffed out here when floods swept down from the mountains

One hundred and ninety-nine bodies were recovered and were the improvised morgues tonight

Hundreds of survivors viewed the corpses in an effort to identify

tary and civil authorities. Flood Hits was estimated at least \$10,000,000. Two Trains; Flood waters receded tonight, but

300 Missing CANON CITY, Colo., June 4,-Fear was expressed here today that probably 300 passengers had perished when Missouri-Pacific passenger train No. 2 and Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 3 were over-

turned by the flood in the Pu-The reports came from railway officials in Pueblo as a confiden-Both trains had just pulle into the yards when the wall of water struck the cars, under

mined the tracks and topple over the coaches. Although authentic details were lacking railroad men feared many of the passengers had perished. Efforts to reach Pueblo from this city by train had failed to-

BODIES OF VICTIMS PILED IN WRECKAGE

With 199 in Morgue, Ebbing Waters Searched for More.

DENVER, June 4 .- The Western Inion manager at Pueblo stated that There are 199 bodies in the morgue here, and that others are being prought in continuously."

He believed, he said, the death list would run as high as 500. "Most of the dead," he said, "are Mexicans."

Bodies were discovered in piles of wreckage along the river front. There were two separate cloudlate Mark Hanna, has gone to Mex- bursts. The first, although it swellico City with a commission from ed the little Arkansas river to a stream mites wide,, did not do such large public buildings. They regreat damage. -It broke at 7 p. m. mained huddled together in fear The people were warned and were able to flee to safety.

Mr. Dover, according to information received at the state departiment, has not gone as an official representative of the American government. He was designated by the President to make the necessary arrangements whereby the banking houses of this country can go to the aid of the republic below Buildings were warned and were warned a aught many unprepared.

Buildings were washed away beof the stricken populace. The chilly

ment and laid the basis for the away.

Present negotiations.

Fire Fires broke out as the water started to go down. Flames lighted up the skies.

As the refugees gathered topeared undamaged from fire, he

Take His Own Life gether in the buildings still standing, they suffered greatly from the intense cold which followed the

Indians Ask Free Speech.

President Harding has been asked to issue a proclamation granting the American Indian the rights of free appearance of the Hills section.

Shearer was visiting his daughter tends which is a student at Washington seminary here. His wife, from the member of the is estranged, also lives in this city.

Indians Ask Free Speech.

President Harding has been asked to issue a proclamation granting the American Indian the rights of free appearance in the fashionable Druid Hills section.

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And Trapping Inhabitants

periled Men, Women and Children.

Dead-500, estimated.

City without light, heat or drinking water. No sanitary arrange-

on this city Friday night, it was estimated tonight.

Search for the dead continued tonight under the direction of mili-

Damage from the flood and fire

heavy clouds gave promise of more Refugees were being cared for in municipal buildings. Many were without adequate clothing. Food

was being doled out in small quantitles to women and children. Military guards were ordered to

shoot looters on sight.

Rescue work was carried on under greatest difficulties. The light plant was put out of commission with the first flood of waters and relief workers were forced to work in darkness. in darkness. Burned buildings stood with har

ten feet with mud and slime left by the receding waters Brings First News. DENVER, June 4 .- Approximate-

ly 500 are dead from the flood in Pueblo, according to the first di-rect word reaching the outside world tonight from the city, swept by fire and water

by fire and water.

The message was brought to Colorado Springs by the Rio Grande station agent at Pueblo, C. F. Rails-The agent came to Colorado Sprints in a railway motor speeder on the railroad tracks.

He was unable to get through along the roads because of the high flood waters. He brought a story of misery and

suffering in Pueblo and carried an appeal from the city officials for assistance. Water Rises Suddenly.

The flood came with the sudden-ness of a flash of lightning, he said. The mountain streams were flooded cloudburst, which through the city's streets with a Hundreds were trapped in the

rush of waters, he believed.

The rain started early last night, causing a night of terror to the ity. Dwellings crumple under the

onrushing waters, carrying men and and women and children to death. Fires broke out in many parts of the city. They were still raging when he left Pueblo. Rescue parties were unable to make any headway. Families tried to take refuge in

throughout the night.
Rain checked the fires at times, but they started anew.

fore the tide, which was said to have been at least six feet high. Warning bells and whistles were sounded, but some failed to heed and perished. Large buildings where many had taken refuge were carried away.

Fires broke out as the water

well as the surrounding territors

peared undamaged from fire, he said, but the smoke obscured other sections. Buildings in the southern part of the city apparently were not hit so hard by the water and